

OGC 73-0190

6 February 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director-Comptroller

SUBJECT : OGC History

1. You recall that at the recent Deputies' meeting we agreed on the form and nature the OGC history will take, which is somewhat different from that originally contemplated. Rather than an elaborate history of OGC as an organization, our history instead will consist of a number of works of law of CIA and intelligence. Some of these are in being, some in preparation. Those which now exist include a number of bound volumes of OGC opinions dating back through the years, which we update from time to time. The other is the Guide to CIA Statutes and Law, which is a major revision of an earlier OGC publication, Text and Explanation of Statutes and Executive Orders Relating Specifically to the Central Intelligence Agency. The Guide also is updated and corrected from time to time and we plan to do so again this year. We have in process the preparation of volumes of litigation with which CIA has been importantly involved. These will include not only the text of court opinions but also the legal pleadings and other documents filed with the court and significant and important internal CIA papers. Also, a narrative paper of background, explanation, etc. will be included for at least some of the cases. We have done considerable work on this project and we expect to complete a number of cases this year.

2. It was noted also that histories to be prepared, primarily by the Historical Staff, of major CIA matters of course will include some in which OGC has played a significant part. The Abel-Powers exchange and the Cuban prisoners matter fall into this category and

others may be selected at a later time. OGC of course will be glad to assist.

3. If this is in accord with your views, we will continue in this direction.

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